

DOCKET NO. 3:08-cv-00113-FDW

Defendants.

ORDER

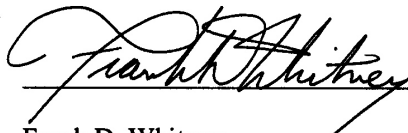
As made clear by the United States Supreme Court, “It has been the law for the better part of two centuries . . . that a corporation may appear in the federal courts only through licensed

counsel. . . . [T]he rationale for that rule applies equally to all artificial entities.” Rowland v. California Men’s Colony, Unit II Men’s Advisory Council, 506 U.S. 194, 201-202 (1993). This Court has explicitly applied this rationale to limited liability companies. Sea Island Co. v. The IRI Group, LLC, No. 3:07-cv-13, 2007 WL 2997660, at *2 (W.D.N.C. Oct. 12, 2007). Thus, Defendants’ Answer, inasmuch as it purports to be the Answer of Crystal Springs Apparel, LLC, shall be STRICKEN.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Defendant Crystal Springs Apparel, LLC shall retain duly licensed legal counsel and have such counsel appear to file such motions, answer, or other responsive pleading to Plaintiff’s Complaint within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order. If counsel fails to appear on behalf of Crystal Springs Apparel, LLC and fails to file the appropriate motions, answer, or responsive pleading within thirty (30) days, the Court will order the Clerk to enter a default against Defendant Crystal Springs Apparel, LLC. Accordingly, Plaintiff’s Motion is GRANTED to the extent that the Answer of Defendant Crystal Springs Apparel, LLC is STRICKEN, but the Court DEFERS RULING ON Plaintiff’s Motion for Entry of Default for thirty (30) days.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: May 15, 2008



Frank D. Whitney
United States District Judge

